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## Hatchet kicks off major fundraising initiative

**Independent paper's campaign will fund scholarships**

BY KEVIN ECKSTROM  
SENIOR NEWS EDITOR

The GW Hatchet will launch the first major fundraising drive since the newspaper became independent in 1993 during a gala fundraising dinner at the National Press Club on May 3.

"I can think of no greater setting than the National Press Club to launch the drive that will ensure the future of The Hatchet," Editor in Chief Jared Sher said. "The place where so many great journalists have come together in the past will hopefully symbolize the future excellence of this newspaper."

The proceeds from the campaign, which seeks to raise \$500,000 during the next four years, will go primarily toward funding the editor in chief's stipend and the salaries of the production, editorial and business staffs. The May 3 gala will feature a representative from The Washington Post as speaker.

"The campaign will ensure the ability of future students to have time to be able to take advantage of

the extra-curricular activity of a student newspaper without severe financial pressures," said GW Hatchet General Manager Steven Morse.

Morse, who has managed the 93-year-old newspaper for 11 years, has worked with 10 editors in chief and said the stipend is essential to continuing the level of excellence in The Hatchet.

"Every single one of them has benefited from the security and stability that the student leadership stipend provides," Morse said. "This is an organization that puts out 60 issues a year, and it requires leadership that can focus on the job of putting out a newspaper."

As part of The Hatchet's independence agreement with GW, the stipend that is available for editors in chief will expire in four years. The campaign will raise enough money to ensure that The Hatchet's ability to fund the stipend will continue.

"Obviously anyone at The Hatchet knows that nobody works here simply for the money," Sher said. "At the same time, nobody

could afford to work here for free. Hopefully this scholarship drive will not only allow us to continue to pay (our student staff) but eventually to bring their salaries up so they don't feel compelled to take a second job."

The Hatchet runs on an annual operating budget of approximately \$350,000, most of which is generated from advertising and subscriptions. Although The Hatchet has been profitable since severing ties with the University, Sher and Morse both said a fundraising drive now is necessary to maintain financial viability in the future.

The four-year campaign will ensure that The Hatchet will be able to continue to pay its students competitive salaries by the time the editor in chief's University stipend expires in 2000.

Former Editor in Chief Elissa Leibowitz said that while the stipend means she is now paying back less in student loans, the ability to focus on The Hatchet full-time helped her develop the skills to land a job at The Washington Post in the sports department.



Hatchet file photo

General Manager Steven Morse cuts the ribbon to the new Hatchet townhouse office as former editor in chief Elissa Leibowitz and GW President Stephen Joel Trachtenberg look on.

## The coverage of 1996 in the pages of The GW Hatchet

BY JARED SHER  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The GW Hatchet continued its excellence with coverage of the University and Foggy Bottom throughout 1996 – a year famous both for its government shutdowns in the beginning and national elections in the end. Meanwhile, The Hatchet also continued its stellar coverage of the GW campus, providing readers with their only consistent access to the news that mattered most.

**January:** The Hatchet returned from its winter break to find the District blanketed with record snowfall. GW facilities crews worked around the clock to keep the University open. In addition, the paper delved into how the federal government struggles affected GW students – from interns on Capitol Hill to those wary of financial aid cutbacks. The new GWeekend section kicked off its first full semester by continuing to provide readers with the scoop on what to do, providing The Hatchet with color once a week in the process.

**February:** The second month brought with it the annual tuition increase, this one a 4.98 percent hike, bringing the cost of an under-

graduate education for one year to \$19,980. GW also announced that the journalism department, until then a part of the National Center for Communication Studies, would join the political communication and radio/television programs in

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President Clinton spoke at Lisner Auditorium in August after declining to be the keynote speaker at May's Commencement.

## Journalism department eyes future, adds Stern

BY BECKY NEILSON  
ASST. NEWS EDITOR

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"The name change was at the request of the NCCS faculty," said NCCS Director Jarol Manheim in the Feb. 11, 1996 edition of The GW Hatchet. "The name does a better job of capturing what we do."

"A typical university 'center' is used for research and not teaching," he added. "Teaching is a much broader mission, and (SMPA) captures the range of what we do."

The old name was also considered misleading after the depart-

ment of speech communication broke off from the Center in 1995.

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"Any faculty and staff at NCCS will tell you they want to make sure undergraduate students have a sound liberal arts education," Salomon said. "This school will not be as separate as the Elliott School (of International Affairs)."

Stern joined the SMPA faculty in the fall, teaching courses in radio and television news reporting and press law.

This spring, he also has added a special topics course in interpreting Supreme Court cases to (See NEWLY-NAMED, p. 4)

# SPORTS

## **High expectations return to Earth for GW men**

**Colonials struggle after quick start; NCAA Tournament hopes dimmer with mounting losses**

BY MATT BONESTEEL  
SPORTS EDITOR

Expectations were high for the GW men's basketball team coming into the 1996-97 season. Most pre-season polls had the Colonials in the top 25, with some even predicting a top 10 finish for the team from Foggy Bottom. But, of course, these polls were created before a single jump shot could be attempted.



Alexander Koul's inside force has him poised to be a first-round NBA draft pick this spring.

Yes, reality has hurt GW.

After two exhibition victories, the Colonials jumped into the new season with four straight wins, two of them coming over Holy Cross and Boston University (where GW head coach Mike Jarvis got his first head coaching job) in the annual Red Auerbach Colonial Classic at the Smith Center.

GW continued its winning ways early into the month of December, beating cross-town rival American

and out-of-conference foe South Florida. They first fell to defeat against hot-shooting Texas Tech Nov. 30 at a sold-out Smith Center. The loss snapped a 14-game home winning streak for the Colonials.

With a 5-1 record, GW matched up with Maryland in the championship game of the Franklin National Bank Classic Dec. 9. GW won the game on the floor, but the Colonials got into foul trouble, and the now No. 7 Terrapins made them pay, hitting 33 of 47 from the foul line to put away a 74-68 victory.

That loss to Maryland seemed to take the shooting life out of the Colonials, as they began a stretch in which they only won three of their next eight games. Poor shooting has been the problem, and GW has found it difficult both to hold leads and to come back from deficits.

Two days after the Maryland debacle, the Colonials traveled to Lawrence, Kan., to play Kansas, the top team in the land, on national television. GW's vaunted luck against top-ranked teams failed to show up, and Kansas simply dominated the game in an 85-56 victory.

This was followed by another loss, this time to North Carolina-Charlotte, in a game in which GW had a 14-point lead at halftime. A win in its Atlantic 10 opener against Fordham seemed to right the sinking GW ship, but then came a humiliating loss against perennial



J.J. Brade's explosive presence has sparked the GW offense, but the team has still struggled to meet expectations.

A-10 doormat St. Bonaventure and a simply bizarre defeat against St. Joseph's at the Smith Center. Against the Hawks, GW had a 13-point lead and seemed to be in control mid-way through the second half. But then everything began to go wrong, and the Colonials ended up only hitting six field goals in the second half.

At mid-season, GW stands at 9-7, 4-3 A-10. Any hopes for an NCAA Tournament bid will be determined by the second half of the season, when GW plays the meat of its conference schedule with a home game against perennial powerhouse Massachusetts.

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# SPORTS

## Colonial Women tear through A-10 schedule

**GW's 27-game home winning streak is third-longest in nation, spanning three seasons**

BY BEN OSBORNE  
SPORTS EDITOR

As has been its custom in recent seasons, the GW women's basketball team started this season slowly. Injuries and inexperience contributed to unorganized and shoddy play during the season's first month, and the Colonial Women began the season only 1-3.

While most GW students relaxed and partied over winter recess, however, the Colonial Women buckled down, playing great basketball and putting together a 11-1 stretch in the process. When its 12-game odyssey ended, GW was left with an 12-4 record and a 8-0 mark in the Atlantic 10.

Another highlight for GW has been its dominant play at home. With a perfect 8-0 record at the Smith Center this season, the Colonial Women have now won 27 games, the third longest active streak in the nation.

"We're starting to put it all together as a team, and hopefully this will turn out to be a real fun year," GW head coach Joe McKeown said after his team's 97-54 romp over Temple on Jan. 12.

The Temple game came on the last day of winter break, and with students groggily returning to campus, the alert Colonial Women played a complete game. GW shot a remarkable 59 percent from the field in the game while collecting 43 rebounds. The overmatched Temple team managed only 34 percent shooting and 30 rebounds.

Junior forward Noelia Gomez, whom McKeown has been advertising as a superstar all season, scored a career-high 27 points on 13-15 shooting from the field. She also grabbed nine rebounds. Along with senior center Tajama Abraham (25 points, seven rebounds), Gomez helped GW dom-

inate Temple in the paint.

"Hopefully this was a break-out game for Noelia," McKeown said, adding that she is a "special person and player."

Gomez is a junior who transferred to GW this year after two seasons in her native Spain.

The Colonial Women were up 48-32 at the half on Temple, and by the time Gomez scored inside at 17:03 of the second half, the score was 60-32 and the rout was on.

The remainder of the game allowed many players to receive major playing time. These included junior guard Tami McGlynn and sophomore forward Mia Chiparus, who each had career-highs with five and four points, respectively.

In their Jan. 8 game at St. Joseph's, GW got 23 points in the second half from Abraham to roll to a 84-71.

Abraham scored 14 of GW's first 16 points in the second half as the Colonial Women took a 56-45 lead with 13:31 remaining.

Freshman guard Chasity Myers scored 21 points, while Gomez added 12 and senior guard Colleen McCrea handed out 10 assists.

GW also beat the Lady Hawks from outside, making five of 10 three-point shots as a team.

In GW's 83-57 home win over Virginia Tech Jan. 6, GW senior forward Lisa Cermignano put forth the type of solid effort she has been known for during her four-year career at GW: 12 points, nine rebounds and four assists. The difference in the Virginia Tech game, however, was that her consistency added up to something big.

On the second of four three-pointers, Cermignano made on the night, she became GW's all-time leader in three-point field goals made. When her third trey swished through the hoop, Cermignano had scored her 1,000th career point.



Hatchet file photo

**Mario Egleston has been a driving force for the Colonial Women this season despite her youth. The freshman guard leads the nation in 3-point field goal percentage.**

Besides Cermignano's heroics, GW was aided in the victory by Abraham's 29 points and 10 rebounds. Sophomore center Khadija Deas chipped in with a career-high 10 points.

Playing on Jan. 4 against a Princeton team that made it to the National Women's Invitational Tournament a year ago, GW adapted its style and still controlled the smaller Lady Tigers.

Much like its better-known men's team, the Princeton women like to slow down the pace of the game and try to win by outsmarting their opponents.

In this game at the Smith Center, however, the Colonial Women were not fazed by Princeton's strategic efforts. Abraham led GW with 19 points, while Gomez added 15 and Cermignano 11 in the 62-42 domination.

Princeton was simply overmatched inside, and the bigger Colonial Women took advantage of their sizable height advantage to the tune of a 46-29 rebounding advantage.

"We knew Princeton would spread it out on us," McKeown said. "But rather than try and force the issue, I called off the press to see if we could play that way."

Playing in the second round of the Big Four Classic in Greensboro, N.C., Dec. 29, GW upset then-No. 13 Duke 54-48 in a tight game.

The Colonial Women parlayed 13 percent first half shooting by Duke into a 25-14 halftime advantage,

and then held on despite being outscored in the second half.

The star for GW was freshman guard Marlo Egleston, who had a near-perfect game in amassing a game-high 19 points. The 5-7 sparkplug hit five of six shots from the field, including all three of her three-point attempts, and also connected on all six of her free throw shots.

For Egleston, her efforts landed her a couple of accolades. She was named to the all-Classic team, and also earned the A-10 rookie of the week award.

Both Egleston and Myers have been a huge part of the Colonial Women's success, averaging five and 12 points, respectively.

In the first round of the Classic on Dec. 28, then-No. 8 N.C. State hit seven three-pointers and got 23 points from guard Jen Howard en route to a 72-62 victory.

GW's starting frontcourt was saddled with foul trouble throughout the game, as Abraham, Cermignano and Gomez each finished with four fouls. Together, the three totaled just 25 points.

The Colonial Women were led by sophomore guard Vesna Perak's 16 points in 22 minutes off the bench. Perak's great game was marred, however, as she suffered a knee injury and has not returned to the court since.

Starting the winter break in brilliant fashion on Dec. 21, GW overwhelmed Ivy League foe Harvard 88-44 in a home game.

GW applied pressure defense

throughout the game, forcing Harvard into 29 percent field goal shooting and 30 turnovers.

The Colonial Women saw four players reach double figures, led by Myers' career-high 22 points.

"Chasity plays with such poise," McKeown said after the game. "She's real solid and has a very well-balanced game."

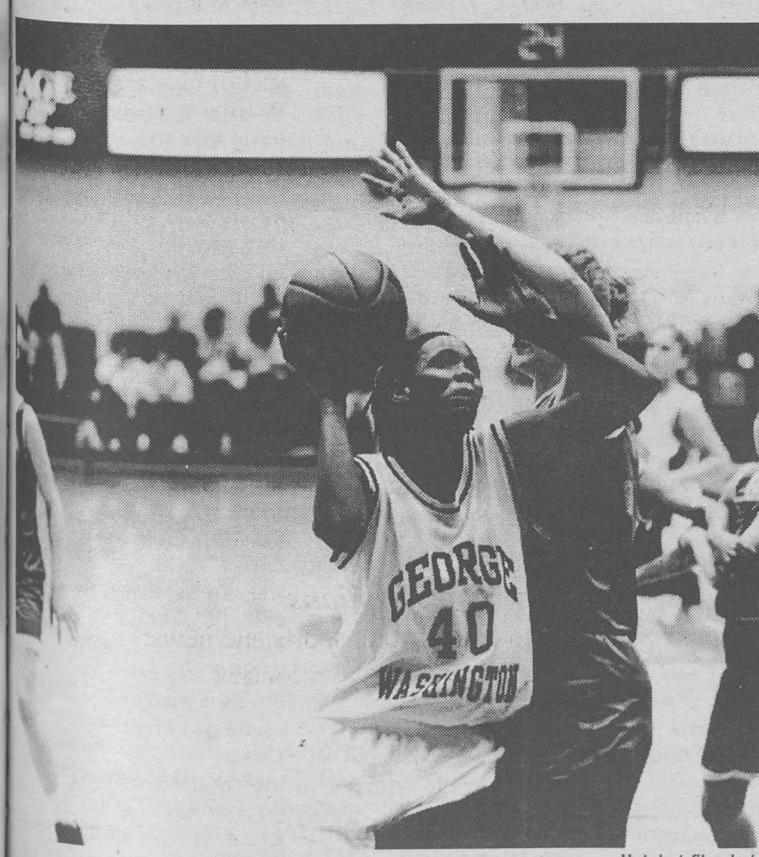
On Dec. 19, GW welcomed the UCLA Lady Bruins to the East Coast with a 76-53 whipping at the Smith Center. Abraham led the way for GW with 17 points and 10 rebounds.

The Colonial Women also received a nice outing from McCrea, who had 13 points, six rebounds, four assists and three steals.

Prior to its recent 11-1 stretch, GW had lost on the road at Penn State, George Mason and Old Dominion, and won at home against Maine.

As A-10 play begins in earnest, GW is feeling confident. Both Abraham and Cermignano have said they hope and expect the team to go through league play undefeated. If the past is any indication, the Colonial Women should be confident.

GW has dominated its league in recent seasons, compiling a sterling record of 78-18 during the A-10 regular season since the 1990-91 season. If that trend continues this year, as it appears it will, GW should again make noise in the NCAA Tournament, and may even advance past the Sweet 16 for the first time ever.



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All-America candidate Tajama Abraham is the all-time career leader in scoring for the Colonial Women.

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## Newly-named SMPA looks to 21st century

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his schedule.

"He has a lot to offer, in terms of experience, contacts and, especially, ideas," Manheim said of Stern.

In the March 11, 1996, issue of The Hatchet, journalism professor Charles Puffenbarger noted that Stern would be "a nice addition ... and will add a new perspective. It will be nice to have somebody with broadcast journalism experience and knowledge of the law."

Stern, who has been a professor of journalism for 34 years, taught as an adjunct professor at the University in 1992 and 1993.

"A large component of my deci-

sion (to return to GW) grows out of my respect for the work of (GW President Stephen Joel) Trachtenberg and Jarol Manheim," Stern said. "They are both highly regarded."

He added that "(GW) is an exciting and constructive place."

University and SMPA officials see the name change and addition of faculty as small steps in the potential growth of the school.

Other steps include the planned construction of an academic building at 21st and H streets next to the 2000 Pennsylvania Avenue shopping center and the addition of a master's degree in media and public affairs.

## The Hatchet's year in review

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vigor, conducting its first-ever polling for the presidential and vice presidential races. The polls accurately predicted the order of finish in both races.

**March:** The student elections concluded with The Hatchet publishing a special, eight-page Friday edition. In addition, the University announced the hiring of Carl Stern to teach journalism classes, including reporting and law of the press. The former director of public affairs for the U.S. Department of Justice gave the new School of Media and Public Affairs credibility as a professor with impeccable credentials.

Meanwhile, the men's and women's basketball teams returned to the NCAA Tournament, and The Hatchet was right there with them,

sending reporters and photographers to Tempe, Ariz., and Blacksburg, Va.

**April:** The University got its hopes up but was ultimately disappointed when President Clinton declined the school's invitation to speak at GW's 175th anniversary Commencement. Some members of the Foggy Bottom community failed in their legal attempt to bar GW from building a new residence hall on the corner of 24th and H streets, N.W. The hall, scheduled to open in May 1997, still has not been named.

**May:** One year after rain canceled Commencement on The Ellipse, GW was blessed with sunny weather for graduation ceremonies. However, extreme heat forced 37 people to seek first aid. Two of the scheduled speakers were even unable to attend the ceremony because of health concerns.

**June:** GW prepared for the worst when it realized more freshmen than ever before were descending on campus for the 1996-97 school year. As many as 1,743 freshmen were expected at one point, more than 250 more than the school planned for. As a result, GW leased a luxury hotel on New Hampshire Avenue to house 114 freshmen.

**July:** The GW Hospital, continuing preparations for a potential sale, laid off 150 more workers. The layoffs, combined with the elimination of 150 unfilled positions, were an attempt to meet a shrinking budget and shrinking number of patients. Also, GW's revenue jumped \$74 million overall, according to Internal Revenue Service documents.

**August:** President Clinton visits the GW campus, delivering a national policy address at Lisner Auditorium. Also, the District government announced a plan to elimi-

nate student reciprocity privileges for parking. The plan would force students to register their cars in the District and obtain D.C. drivers' licenses in order to get parking stickers. Students raised concerns that changing their registration could threaten financial aid.

**September:** The new school year began with a bang as presidential candidate Ross Perot chose adjunct GW professor Pat Choate as his running mate. In addition, GW finally broke into the top 50 schools as ranked by U.S. News & World Report. The parking issue came to a head as the student government Senate attempted to fight the District Council, and The Hatchet obtained memoranda from the city's lawyers that called into question the constitutionality of the parking bill.

**October:** The University wheeled and dealed throughout the month. GW entered an \$80 million agreement to sell the hospital to OrNda Corp. It also bought Mt. Vernon College in northwest Washington in a move that increased the size of the University's land by 50 percent overnight. Officials said they would try to maintain the all-girl's school as an independent institution if possible.

**November:** The Hatchet covered the national elections from a GW angle with another special election edition. The paper covered everything from the presidential race to a student running for a seat on the Advisory Neighborhood Commission. A drop in graduate enrollment caused the University to prepare for future larger classes to make up for the lost revenue. Also, District Councilmember Jack Evans predicted the University's hospital sale would face a fight from other health care corporations.

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Harry Carl Gordon

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